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SUBJ: NATO MAINTENANCE AND SUPPLY ORGANIZATION (NAMSO) -
REPORT OF ITEMS OF INTEREST TO U.S. AT 5 DEC 74 MEETING
OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REF: A. USNATO 6459; B. STATE 262005

III. ACCESSION OF CANADA TO NAMSO
BOARD WELCOMED CANADA AS FOURTEENTH MEMBER OF NAMSO.

IV. TRANSFER OF FURTHER RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HAWK SUPPORT
SUBJECT TO ITALIAN RESERVE EXPECTED TO BE LIFTED IN HAWK
BOD, BOARD APPROVED TRANSFER TO NAMSA OF FURTHER RESPONSI-
BILITIES FOR HAWK LOGISTIC SUPPORT. THE APPLICABILITY OF
FUTURE AS WELL AS CURRENT NAMSO DIRECTIVES TO NAMSO HAWK
WEAPON SYSTEM PARTNERSHIP WILL BE A MATTER OF RECORD.

XXII. COST-SHARING FORMULAS FOR THE BULLPUP PROGRAM
BOARD APPROVED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH BOD 63, REVISION OF
BULLPUP COST-SHARING FORMULA AS OF 1 JAN 74, REFLECTING NON-
PARTICIPATION OF TURKEY IN CY 74.
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XXV. CLOSED SESSION
ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.
BOARD REELECTED COLONEL BROWNING AS CHAIRMAN. COLONEL
BROWNING IS EXPRESSING APPRECIATION FOR HIS REELECTION,

ANNOUNCED HIS DECISION TO STEP DOWN AS CHAIRMAN AT THE END OF HIS NEW TERM OF OFFICE IN JULY OF 1976. HE THEN INVITED COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE TO HIM AT THEIR EARLY CONVENIENCE THE NAMES OF CANDIDATES TO SERVE AS HIS SUCCESSOR. FYI. TERM OF OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN IS FOR ONE YEAR, AND IS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL REELECTION. COLONEL PHILIP Y. BROWNING, USA (RETIRED), FD-1, HAS DONE OUTSTANDING JOB AS NAMSO CHAIRMAN FOR PAST TEN YEARS. ALL COUNTRIES ARE FREE TO NOMINATE CANDIDATES TO SERVE AS HIS SUCCESSOR. END FYI.

MISSION COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. MISSION CONSIDERS THAT CHANCES OF NAMSO BOARD OF DIRECTORS' AGREEING TO REPLACE COLONEL BROWNING AS CHAIRMAN BY AN AMERICAN WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY ENHANCED BY LIMITING CONSIDERATION TO EMINENT INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY SERVING IN THE U.S. CHAIN OF NAMSA-RELATED POSITIONS IN OJCS (J-4), IN I&L (SUPPLY MANAGEMENT OR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS), OR IN U.S. MISSION. MISSION ACCORDINGLY RECOMMENDS U.S. NOMINEE BE SELECTED FROM AMONG THE FOREGOING AND REQUESTS WASHINGTON PROVIDE GUIDANCE DESIGNATING U.S. NOMINEE BY END FEBRUARY. REASON FOR FEBRUARY 75 DEADLINE IS TO PUT U.S. ON RECORD EARLY WITH SUITABLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE AND THEREBY POSSIBLY PREEMPT NOMINATION FOR U.S. BRUCE

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